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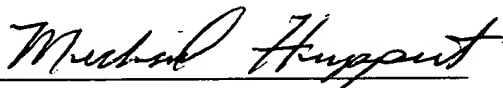
a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,

- c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the following comments: The cited reference was referenced in an Office Action issued January 24, 2002 in a corresponding Japanese application to teach a notification mark 36 (Fig. 9).
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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